

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Application No. 09/912,561

REMARKS

Claims 6, 7 and 19-26 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 6, 7, 19 and 20 stand rejected. Claims 25 and 26 are objected to but would be allowable if corrected. Claims 25 and 26 have been amended to remedy the basis for objection and place the claims into independent form. Claims 6, 7 and 19-24 are cancelled, leaving only claims 25 and 26 pending in the application.

Claim Objections

Claims 25 and 26 are objectionable because its preamble appears to be incompatible with the body of the claim. In placing claims 25 and 26 into independent form, the claims have been amended to focus on a printing process.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 6, 7, 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakao et al (5,683,784). This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of the rejected claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that the subject matter of claims 25 and 26 are patentable and for suggesting changes to the claims that may attain allowability.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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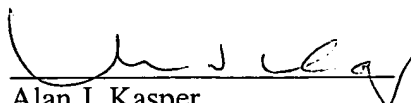
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